

109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. RES. 567

Honoring the Detroit Shock on winning the 2006 Women's National Basketball Association Championship.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2006

Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. LEVIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Honoring the Detroit Shock on winning the 2006 Women's National Basketball Association Championship.

Whereas, on Saturday, September 9, 2006, the Detroit Shock won the 2006 Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) Championship by defeating the defending champion Sacramento Monarchs by a score of 80 to 75;

Whereas the Detroit Shock triumphed in 5 highly competitive championship games, going into the final championship game with 1 win and 1 loss in Michigan and 1 win and 1 loss in California;

Whereas the Detroit Shock were able to celebrate the tenth year of the WNBA and the eighth year of the Detroit Shock with an inspiring victory in the fifth championship game that secured their second WNBA championship in 4 years;

Whereas the attendance at the final championship game at the Joe Louis Arena in Detroit, Michigan, of over 19,600 people and the enthusiasm shown by the people of Michigan clearly demonstrate Michigan's strong support for the Detroit Shock organization and the determined effort of all the team's players;

Whereas the Detroit Shock completed an incredible season, capped by spectacular performances in the final championship game by the Most Valuable Player of the 2006 WNBA Finals, Deanna Nolan, who, with a total of 24 points, led the game in points scored, Cheryl Ford, who led the game in rebounds, recovering 10 rebounds in addition to scoring 10 points, and Katie Smith, who scored 17 points;

Whereas each member of the Detroit Shock organization made meaningful contributions to the team's success, including players Jacqueline Batteast, Kara Braxton, Swin Cash, Cheryl Ford, Kedra Holland-Corn, Deanna Nolan, Plenette Pierson, Elaine Powell, Ruth Riley, Katie Smith, and Angelina Williams, Head Coach Bill Laimbeer, Assistant Coaches Cheryl Reeve and Rick Mahorn, Athletic Trainer Mike Perkins, and the owner of the Detroit Shock, Bill Davidson;

Whereas Detroit Shock Head Coach Bill Laimbeer has won 4 professional basketball titles, including 2 as the coach of the Detroit Shock and 2 as a player for the Detroit Pistons;

Whereas Detroit Shock owner Bill Davidson's 2 Detroit basketball teams have won 5 championship titles; and

Whereas the Detroit Shock demonstrated superior strength, skill, and perseverance during the 2006 season and have

made the City of Detroit and the entire State of Michigan proud: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) congratulates the Detroit Shock on winning
3 the 2006 Women’s National Basketball Association
4 Championship and recognizes all the players, coaches,
5 staff, fans, and others who were instrumental in
6 this great achievement; and

7 (2) directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit
8 an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Detroit
9 Shock for appropriate display.

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